

By: [data lost] R6

Background:

Publically-available bestiary “An Incomplete Guide to the Flora and Fauna of Keitan,” (SD01) published by Julius Wormwood (C01), former low-level student (SN77292) at the Academy came to international attention recently. Inside it included information on the “[DATA EXPUNGED] Draconis” (MH0387) native to FN04, in addition to some unusual antimemetic properties occasionally associated with Vivid-class creatures and other phenomena (see surviving records of MH0001, MH0273, MH0314, MH0350-MH0361, MH0363-MH0386 and, presumably, associated missing records). Specifically, it is impossible to say anything [data lost] about MH0387, noted by SD01 as a “wide ranging mental [data lost] noted to potentially be at least partially artificial in nature, instead of a purely Vivid ability.

Shortly after SD01 was made available, a follow-up research paper regarding MH0387 was published by FN03, claiming to be published by one “Timothy Robertson,” (C02) allegedly of Al’Daric, entitled “An Incomplete Investigation of [DATA EXPUNGED] Operational Security.” (SD02)

SD02 [data lost] attempting to ascertain the limits of [DATA LOST] antimemetic properties, though not to the normal standards demanded by MH-class researchers. This document attempts to record any possible information regarding MH0387 and to determine if there are any countermeasures that can be taken to overcome the compulsion.

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TS

TS01- Darician male, designation ES78392. No notable prowess with magic.

TS02- Darician female, designation ES78387. Some capability with magic.

TS03- Keitan male, designation ES78396. Some capability with mental magic, particularly domination.

Trials

T01

Control Trial

T01a

Trial: TS are, one at a time, instructed to say out loud the name of MH0387, **[data lost]**

Results: Unable to relay the statement to the subjects.

T01b

Trial: TS are, one at a time, insulted with the phrase “[name] is hideous to behold.” (I01) This is followed by instructing them to use the same insult with regards to the name of MH0387.

Results: [data lost] is capable of stating the phrase, but was unable to instruct them to repeat it when [data lost].

T01c

Trial: TS are given standing instructions of repeating any insults they are told in reference to MH0387, then insulted with I01.

Results: [data lost] was unable to convey [data lost] must be directed towards [data lost]

T01d

Trial: TS are shown a paper (SD03) containing I01 alongside complimentary statements, such as “is magnificent to behold”, and [data lost] names (SD04) of several creatures, objects, and individuals, including the name of MH0387, and are instructed to say each combination of statement and target.

Results: [data lost] was lost from SD04, rendering the trial useless.

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T02

Goal: Seeing if MH0387 extends to all possible references to MH0387.

T02a

Trial: A list of words were chosen (SD05), and some were randomly assigned to refer to MH0387, ensuring that the first in the list did not refer to MH0387, and the second word was ‘MH0387.’ [data lost] test subjects, one at a time and in separate rooms, to insult each word in the list, in order, with I01.

Result: Subjects 01 and 02 completely failed to notice the presence of MH0387 on the list, and read on as if it were not there. Subjects 03 and 04 noticed it, but were unable to repeat it. In addition, [data lost]

T03

Goal: To see if oblique references to MH0387 trigger the compulsion.

T03a

Trial: TS were presented with an ordinary snake (C03) and were told that it was a “[DATA EXPUNGED].” They were then told to insult C03 using I01.

Result: [data lost] unable to describe the snake as a [DATA EXPUNGED].

T04

Goal: To determine if standard anti-antimemetic methods function against [data lost].

T04a

Trial: TS were individually taken into null-magic chamber NC03, given a complete disenchantment, and were instructed to [data lost], while [data lost]

Result: [data lost]. New researcher assigned to case.

Chronological

T01e

Trial: TS are given standing instructions of repeating any comments they are told in reference to MH0387, then, [data lost]

Results: R6 unable to convey the sections of the instructions that reference MH0387.

T02b

Trial: Subjects were individually instructed by R14 (who was not informed of the nature of the experiment or even the existence of MH0387) to use statement I01 in reference to “the creature.” In between TS being instructed as such and TS complying with the order, R17, in a nearby room, flipped a coin and, if the result of the flip was a heads, determined that “the creature” was MH0387. On a tails, “the creature” was designated to refer to TS06. Only after all TS had completed their tests was R17 instructed to provide the information regarding when “the creature” referred to MH0387.

Result: R6 was unable [data lost] R14 the content of I01.

T03b

Trial: new TS, TS05, brought into testing. Within their Deep Amnesiac state, they were given a list (SD06) of various names and words, including the name of MH0387. They were then instructed to use I01 to describe each.

Result: What's going on here? There's no records of TS05, nor of the content of SD06. There's records that we cleared the room for testing, but I certainly never performed any tests in there.
-R6.

T04b

Trial: TS were individually taken into null-magic chamber NC06, the strongest magic isolation chamber available, given a complete and total disenchantment, had a full Mind Blank placed upon them. Once inside, TS were given SD05 and, as before, instructed to make comment I01 in regards to each name on the list.

Result: Same as previous attempts: Subjects 01 and 02 completely failed to notice the presence of MH0387 on the list, and read on as if it were not there. Subjects 03 noticed it, but were unable to repeat it. In addition, [data lost].

Notes: The research notes mention a "Subject 04" but there's no other records of this individual that I can find. It took me three tries to even write that. -R6.

New TS brought in to cover an omission in previous TS- someone skilled in antimemetic magic. New TS, designation TS07 (note: failed to write TS04, TS05, and TS06) is a Darician Male, MHR3942, with a specialty in anti-psychedelic measures and is wholly immune to MH0001 (the memetic agent keeping the Headmaster's identity secret).

New TS, designation TS08, is a Darician male (ES78381) unskilled in magic, but knowledgeable about numerous magical creatures and is familiar with the word which MH0387's name translates to in separate contexts.

T01f

Trial: TS are individually given instructions to return any comments made about them in reference to MH0387 by R31, previously unassociated with the project. After several comments, R32, similarly unassociated with the project, is to burst into the testing room and insult the TS.

Results: Was unable to convey instructions to TS as to who the comments should be made to. Was unable to convey to R31 or R32 the information they were supposed to convey to the TS.

T02c

Trial: Subjects were individually instructed by R14 (who was not informed of the nature of the experiment or even the existence of MH0387) to use statement I01 in reference to “the creature.” In between TS being instructed as such and TS complying with the order, R17, in a nearby room, flipped a coin and, if the result of the flip was a heads, determined that “the creature” was MH0387. On a tails, “the creature” was designated to refer to TS06. Only after all TS had completed their tests was R17 instructed to provide the information regarding when “the creature” referred to MH0387.

Result: R6 was unable to convey to R14 the content of I01.

T03c

Trial: new TS, TS08, brought into testing. They were then instructed to use I01 to describe each of their experimental creations (of which includes a creature which shares a name with MH0387, see Damage Report 28937).

Result: Was unable to convey the I01 to TS08.

T04c

Trial: TS01 and TS02 only were individually taken into null-magic chamber NC06, the strongest magic isolation chamber available, given a complete and total disenchantment, had a full Mind Blank placed upon them. Once inside, TS were given a piece of paper upon which was written the name of MH0387 accompanied by a paper with I01 written upon it, each penned by separate people each of with no knowledge of each other or the project. They were instructed to read the contents of the paper.

Result: R6 was unable to convey to the writers the content of I01, nor were they able to convey to any of their research assistants the content of the letters they wanted written.

NEW TRIALS

T06

Goal: to see if knowledge of MH0387 prevents otherwise normal events from occurring.

T06a

Trial: R6 attempted to use I01 in reference to a frog

Results: Success. No interference.

T06b

Trial: R6 attempted to say that MH0387 [data lost]

Results: R6 was unable to state the phrase.

T06c

Trial: R6 attempted to say that MH0387 “exists”

Results: Success. R6 reports that they ‘felt watched.’

T06d

Trial: R6 attempted to say that MH0387 [data lost]

Results:R6 was unable to state the phrase. R6 reports that the feeling of being watched intensified.

T06e

Trial: R6 apologized to MH0387 saying, that they “meant no offense, merely wished to appropriately understand [data lost]”

Results: Was unable to repeat the last portion of the phrase. The feeling did not abate. R6 has filed for project transfer.

T06f

Trial: New researcher R2 brought into project blind. Uninformed of all aspects regarding MH0387, was instructed to say that it is “a magnificent being”

Results: Was unable to instruct the researcher to say the phrase.
Researcher note: Please just let me give her my notes and go. -R6

R6 allowed to leave

T06g

Trial: R2 attempted to say MH0387 “[data lost]”

Results: Phrase stated.

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R2 removed from project.

Icarian note: All future researchers on MH0387 must show a 5 or above on the Standard Tests for resistance to mental interference spells.

After some re-structuring of the MHR department, R4 brought in as new researcher. Instructed prior to being brought on to keep mind blank on at all times, even before being informed of the existence of MH0387.

Trials T06g-q collapsed into single trial for bookkeeping purposes.

T06h

Trial: R4 attempted to say MH0387 “[data lost]” with appropriate mental defenses active.

Results: R4 was unable to state phrase.

T06i

Trial: R4 attempted to say MH0387 “exists.” For this and all future tests, kept appropriate mental defenses active, even off-duty.

Results: